ASSOCIATION OF KARNATAKA MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS

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AKMI Updates: Mar - 2026

About AKMI:

AKMI (Association of Karnataka Microfinance Institutions) was established in 2007 to bring in better transparency and governance, client protection and ethical practices among the Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) in Karnataka. AKMI is registered under the Society Act 1960 and has 29 members as of now.

Sl. No.	AKMI Members	Number
1	NBFC -MFIs	21
2	NBFCs	1
3	Society/Trusts/Other	1
4	SFBs	6
	Total Members	29

AKMI is affiliated to Sa-Dhan and MFIN, which are national level network organizations and are self-regulatory organizations (SROs) for the microfinance industry. Both Sa Dhan and MFIN are recognized by RBI and are monitoring the Microfinance industry very closely.

The **main activities of AKMI** fall into field level engagement, communication, capacity building for members and client protection.

AKMI organizes district level meetings among its members in all districts of the state, which is helpful in quickly identifying problematic locations, troublemakers and then working with local administration in solving such problems.

We conduct various programmes such as FLPs (Financial Literacy Programs) at different districts inviting senior district level officials such as DC, SP, CEO Zilla Panchayath, Lead Bank, NABARD etc... and the work of the sector is showcased.

We conduct street plays at various Gram Panchayath, TV episodes on success stories of beneficiaries etc...

For the benefit of members, we conduct programs on industry best practices in areas such as HR, Audit, IT / digitization, Grievance handling and client protection.

We have grievance redressal cells at districts Lead MFIs and redressal cell in Bangalore with toll free number.

AKMI is a special invitee to the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) and District Level Bankers' Committee in every district where we can update the happenings in the sector.

AKMI Members are also conducting social events, conducting financial literacy programs, construction of toilets, financial assistance to Mid-Day meal program (Akshaya Patra foundation), etc. as part of their CSR activities. Our members have also taken up lot of initiatives to combat distress during Covid Pandemic, flood, drought etc...

AKMI Outreach:

Particulars	Dec-2025	Sept-2025	June-2025
MFI Members	29	29	30
No of Branches	3167	3218	3196
No of Staff	38205	38530	38838
Loan Borrowers accounts (in Lakhs)	100.72	104.83	109.04
Outstanding (Amt. in Crs.) including BCs ' fig. reflected in Bank's books	54966.81	54557.17	56251.47

AKMI Bi- Monthly District Meetings in Karnataka:

AKMI is operating in all 31 districts of Karnataka and has 30 District AKMI units having the leadership of a Lead MFI and Co-Lead MFI to each district. The lead MFI who is having major exposure in the district is conducting district level AKMI meeting bimonthly on the fixed day. These meetings are attended by members of AKMI who are operating in the district by area

representatives. AKMI district meetings are mainly concentrating on field issues and seeking remedies for the issues in the field and may discuss latest developments in the microfinance sector, CB report, Ring leader problems, staff issues etc.

The lead MFI having AKMI district grievance redressal cell is handling MFI clients' grievances in the field, and have liaison with AKMI HO.

Particulars	Feb-2026	Dec- 2025	Oct - 2025
No of District in Karnataka	31	31	31
No of AKMI dist. units	30	30	30
No. of Meetings Conducted Next bi-monthly meeting will be in **April - 2026**	30	30	30

Contact AKMI Ombudsman:

OMBUDSMAN,
AKMI, H.NO:3, 1st Floor 1st cross
1st Main Kodigehalli Main Road
Bhadrappa Layout, Nagashettihalli,
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Toll Free No: **1800 – 4255654**

Particulars	Mar-26	Feb-26	Jan-26
No of Grievances calls Received	15	12	14
No of Grievances calls Solved	13	12	14
Pending – i) Insurance			
ii) Loan not yet sanctioned	2		
iii) CB report Problems			

Ombudsman at AKMI HO, Bangalore is having toll free helpline Number: 18004255654. MFI customer/s may approach AKMI ombudsman if their grievance is not solved by concerned MFI regarding-

Staff behavior

Charging of higher rate of Interest than stipulated by RBI Any unreasonable delay or denial of micro credit

 # Observations: At few places problems like over lending, complaints on staff behavior with customers and ring leader menace are observed. The disbursement of loan and Collection slowed down to little extent. Many awareness programs through village meetings, street plays, media interventions are taken up.

AKMI Activities/Meetings during Mar - 2026

Sl. No	Date	Particulars	Remarks
1	01-03-2026 to 05-03-2026	Street Play	Street plays in various places of Koppal & Bagalkot district
2	17-03-2026	Letter to Election Commission	We met the Chief Electoral Officer (Karnataka) and sought facilitation for the smooth functioning of member institutions during the by-elections to the Davanagere South and Bagalkot Assembly constituencies, in view of the Model Code of Conduct being in force.
3	17-03-2026	MFIN State Chapter Meeting	Participated in MFIN State Chapter Meeting (Virtual)
4	27-03-2026	MFIN Special Meeting	Attended the MFIN Special Meeting regarding the by-elections in Davanagere South and Bagalkot.

Street plays in various places of Koppal district from 01.03.2026 to 03.03.2026



Kandakur, Kushtagi on 01.03.2026



Kumbalavathi, Kushtagi on 01.03.2026



Balootike, Kushtagi on 02.03.2026



Hesarur, Kushatagi on 02.03.2026



Janjala koppa, Kushtagi on 03.03.2026



Kalal bandi, Kushtagi on 03.03.2026

Street plays in various places of Bagalkot district from 04.03.2026 to 05.03.2026



Vajjal, Ilakal on 04.03.2026



Gonal S T on 04.03.2026



Tarihal, Ilakal on 05.03.2026



Chikkatogur, Ilakal on 05.03.2026